

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Patricia Holsinger Ryan.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Patricia Holsinger Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ryan, a native of Staunton, Virginia, relocated to Middle Tennessee with her husband in the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, after establishing herself as a success in the corporate world, Patricia Ryan dedicated her life to rescuing countless unwanted animals and placing them in loving homes; and

WHEREAS, giving a clear and strident voice to the voiceless, Patricia Ryan served as a beacon for both Happy Tales Humane and Abandoned Angels; she was personally responsible for the rescue and placement of several thousand of otherwise doomed creatures; and

WHEREAS, she rendered sterling service as the Dog Coordinator for Happy Tales and Abandoned Angels and inspired the highest levels of commitment and enthusiasm from all of the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the pet placement facilities, Ms. Ryan also initiated a successful therapy dog program, which provides trained rescued animals to senior centers and Alzheimer's centers, giving many individuals the opportunity to experience the love, comfort, and appreciation of a pet; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Ryan bravely carried on with her altruistic endeavors after she was diagnosed with a severe and untreatable form of multiple sclerosis, as her health permitted, and only gave over her mission to others when she was diagnosed with lung cancer; her commitment knew no bounds, and led her to rescue an injured dog while on her way to the hospital for tests; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ryan enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Hans Thomas Ryan, and was the loving daughter of Robert and Orlean Holsinger; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Ryan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory, achievements, and legacy of love of Patricia Holsinger Ryan, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the truest measure of heroism in the carrying out of great works in the face of the most daunting adversities, then Patricia Holsinger Ryan was indeed a most sublime heroine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Ryan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.